

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BUENOS 06200 092219Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00
ICAE-00 INRE-00 HA-05 TRSE-00 IO-13 /070 W
-----019136 092231Z /21
O 092121Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6938

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES 6200

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE AND REAPPEARANCE LISTS ANNOUNCED

1. CAPPING A RECENT UPSURGE OF PRESS ACCOUNTS OF INDIVIDUAL DISAPPEARANCE CASES, THE FEDERAL POLICE, THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY AND A GROUP OF PARENTS FROM BAHIA BLANCA HAVE RELEASED NEW LISTS OF DISAPPEARED AND REAPPEARED PERSONS.

2. FEDERAL POLICE'S LIST---

ON AUGUST 7 FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF OJEDA RELEASED TO THE PRESS A LIST OF 201 "MISSING PERSONS" WHO HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE CHECKED THE 201 NAMES ON THE POLICE LIST AGAINST OUR FILE OF NEARLY 7,000 DISAPPEARED AND DETAINED CASES. WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH CERTAINTY ONLY ONE OF THE NAMES RELEASED BY THE FEDERAL POLICE AS A DISAPPEARANCE CASE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO US. FIVE OTHER CASES ARE COMMON NAMES WHICH MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BUENOS 06200 092219Z

EMBASSY AS DISAPPEARED PERSONS BUT WE CANNOT MAKE A POSITIVE FINDING ON THE LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE. OUR EXPERIENCE BASED ON THE PREVIOUS FEDERAL POLICE'S LIST OF MISSING PERSONS LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THE POLICE LIST PREIMARILY CONTAINS INDIVIDUALS CLASSIFIED AS "MISSING PERSONS" AND NOT "DESAPARECIDOS". END COMMENT.

4. PERMANENT ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENT-----

ON AUGUST 8 THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS RELEASED A STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INFORMING THE MINISTRY THAT 14 OF THE 87 PERSONS WHICH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CLAIMED ON JUNE 2 HAD BEEN LOCATED WERE IN FACT STILL MISSING. THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY ALSO TRANSMITTED THE NAMES OF 500 NEW DISAPPEARANCE CASES TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHICH HAD BEEN COLLECTED SINCE THE ASSEMBLY MEDH AND LIGA POR LOS DERECHOS DEL HOMBRE PUBLISHED 3500 NAMES IN A BUENOS AIRES PAPER ON MAY 17. THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ALSO ALLEGES THAT 10 OF THE PERSONS TRACED BY THE MINISTRY IN JUNE HAD NEVER BEEN REPORTED AS MISSING.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S JUNE 2 CORRECTION OF THE ASSEMBLY MEDH AND LIGA LIST WAS CHECKED OUT CASE-BY-CASE BY ASSEMBLY WORKERS. THE CORRECTIONS AND REVISIONS INDICATE THAT NEITHER THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY NOR THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S INFORMATION IS TOTALLY RELIABLE NOR UP TO DATE AND DOES NOT INDICATE BAD FAITH ON EITHER SIDE. THE MINISTRY REPORT PROBABLY REFERS TO CASES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BUENOS 06200 092219Z

INDIVIDUALS WHO "DISAPPEARED" AFTER HAVING BEEN RELEASED FROM OFFICIAL DETENTION. OFTEN, THIS IS THE RESULT OF A ROUTINE OPERATION IN WHICH THE SUBJECT IS RELEASED AFTER HAVING BEEN PICKED UP IN AN AUTHORIZED, OPEN OPERATION AND, AFTER BEING RELEASED, IS IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP AGAIN CLANDESTINELY. THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY'S INFORMATION REGARDING DISAPPEARED PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED DEPENDS ON THEIR FAMILIES' FILING A FOLLOW-UP REPORT. HOWEVER, SUCH INDIVIDUALS OR THEIR FAMILIES OFTEN FAIL TO REPORT THE RELEASES TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS OR TO EMBASSIES SO THAT THIS INFORMATION IS NOT REGISTERED.

6. BAHIA BLANCA FAMILIES' STATEMENT---

THE STATEMENT BY BAHIA BLANCA FAMILIES CITED IN THE SUMMARY WAS A BRIEF ADVERTISEMENT CARRIED IN THE AUGUST 3 ISSUE OF LA PRENSA, WHICH LISTED THE NAMES AND DATES OF DISAPPEARANCE OF 29 PERSONS. CASTRO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS RELEASES, MISSING PERSONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BUENOS06200
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780326-0753
Format: TEL
From: BUENOS AIRES
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780879/aaaacohw.tel
Line Count: 115
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 4cbeea65-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1782242
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DISAPPEARANCE AND REAPPEARANCE LISTS ANNOUNCED
TAGS: SHUM, AR
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/4cbeea65-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014